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APPLICATION OF : Li Xing and Robert C. Glen

TITLE : Method For Accurately Estimating  $pK_a$  Of Molecules Using Atom Type Definitions And Partial Least Squares

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TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time from October 13, 2001 to January 13, 2002 to file a response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001 setting a shortened statutory period of three months. Since January 13, 2002 fell on a Sunday when the Patent Office was closed, this Petition and the accompanying Response are being timely filed on the next business day on which the Patent Office is open, January 14, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 for the three month extension fee is attached.

January 14, 2002

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